

June 13, 2016

Weekly Report

Highlight of Departmental Activities

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Airport

The Airport sold 1,308.0 gallons of Jet A to 3 aircraft and 726.8 gallons of 100LL to 20 aircraft last week.



PHOTOS:

Dreaming of Flight statue outside the Spartanburg Airport.

Randy getting ready to fuel a 2005 Gulfstream G-450. One of the largest business jets to ever visit FQD.



Board of Elections

The Primary election on Tuesday went smoothly with a little less than 5% of the voters turning out. In an effort to enhance training with the poll workers, a scavenger hunt was held on Tuesday with questions that poll



workers had to research in their training manuals and station guides to answer. The winning polling place, Green Hill, won milkshakes **(left)** and those that answered all questions correctly won some chocolate.

Poll workers also found unique ways to pass the long slow day as can be seen in the picture **(right)** from the Sandy Mush and Forest City #2 precincts. Staff is now recording and auditing all the information from the election and processing provisional ballots.



Building Inspections

The Building Inspections Department has written 56 permits with total job valuations of \$2.2 million--4 of those are new house starts. We have conducted 244 inspections with 9 Certificates of Occupancy issued.

County Manager and Commissioners

The following are several events and activities in which the County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved over the last few days:



- Meetings with several County departments, including Planning and Projects, Economic Development, Solids/Recycling, and Finance.
- EDC Convergent Case Study Presentation
- Board of Commissioners' meeting
- NCACC Peer Review Team meetings and interviews
- County Attorney meeting regarding various projects
- NCACC Peer Review Task meeting
- JMHCP conference call
- Rails to Trail Committee meeting
- Rutherford County Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee meeting
- Webinar - NCACC Manager's Weekly Legislative Update
- ARC Grant discussion
- Budget Adoption meeting
- Fireman's Association meeting



Other activities, meetings, and events that took place this week: Ruth, Bostic, Forest City and Ellenboro Town Council meetings. Chairman King gave the WCAB Radio Review on Tuesday morning in which he discussed the Monday evening Board Meeting.

The week continued with additional duties, consisting of numerous calls, interoffice meetings, conference calls, public relations, advising, preparation for various responsibilities and meeting with citizens.

Economic Development

This week, the Economic Development Department participated in a special joint meeting between the Rutherford County Board Commissioners and the EDC Advisory Board to hear Convergent Non-profit Solutions report its findings on the EDC Feasibility Study conducted the last week of April and first two weeks of May. Staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, communicating with the Department of Commerce and industry allies regarding various grant reports and requests, and conducting numerous meetings and conference calls with county departments and industry allies. This week's agenda also included attending the latest EDAC meeting held in Burke County.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

On behalf of the County Manager, Commissioners, and County employees, we extend our deepest condolences to the Earl Hollifield family on the recent passing of their loved one.

Mr. Earl Crittenden Hollifield, 81, of Bostic, died Monday, June 6, 2016 at Hospice House, Forest City. Earl was a member of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church and a US Army veteran. He enjoyed many good years of retirement after retiring from the textile industry.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Edwards Hollifield; his son, Roger Hollifield (Rutherford County Fire Marshal) and his wife Kim, of Bostic; a brother, Howard Hollifield and his wife Mary Jane, of Ellenboro; a sister, Mary Dodgen of Charlotte; there are two beloved grandsons, Will and Matt Hollifield; and several nieces and nephews. The Funeral was held on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church.



Again, our thoughts and prayers are with this dear family in their time of sorrow.

Finance Department

The Finance Office processed accounts payable and payroll. Director Paula Roach and Assistant Director Apryl Tessener attended several interdepartmental meetings.

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements.

The Director met with the TDA search committee, attended the County Commissioners meeting, and conducted interviews for the Solid Waste truck driver. The Director also participated as a member of the Assessment Team for the interview and hire of the Town of Lake Lure Manager.

Please remember Roger Hollifield and in his family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Earl Hollifield.

Employment opportunities are DSS Custodian. Apply at www.rutherfordcountync.gov.

Library

Nicole Morse – Nicole is working to finalize the Summer Reading Program and Field Day for 2016. Everything is coming together and we are all excited for this year's program; "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" Registration will begin June 13, 2016 at County Library, Haynes Branch, and Mountains Branch. (See flyer below.)

Stephanie Long – Stephanie is working on sending books from the History collection to the Haynes Branch Library. Stephanie added 25 donated DVDs to the collection. We appreciate our citizens remembering the Library when they are clearing out their personal libraries.

Kenneth Odom – Kenneth planned for the Maker Camp summer activities, tested various projects, purchased supplies, assisted with reassigning the audio books to a new collection, and helped many patrons on the public computers.

April Young – April presented the Little Library boxes to the Board of Commissioners, finalized purchased purchases for Summer Reading Program and Maker Camps. April catalogued many new books that will be on the shelves soon. April received the donated pedometers from RHI Legacy to be used in the Adult Summer Reading Program. Many thanks to Jill Miracle for sponsoring this part of the program!

Maria Davis – Maria presented the first ever Adult Summer Reading Program to staff at all three libraries and we are all ready to go live. (Flyer on page 5.) Maria is

in the process of getting the Little Library boxes finalized at their new locations. We had Board game day and I think "Connect Four" was the favorite.

Summer Reading Program Field Day

**June 21, 2016
1:00-4:00**

**Crestview Park,
Rutherfordton**

You may register your child for Summer Reading Program (During Field Day) for County Library, Haynes Branch, and/or Mountains Branch.



**Brought to you by
Rutherford County Library and Town of Rutherfordton**

- Inflatables
- Zumba Party
(Changing Lives Fitness)
- Character Parade
Come dressed in your favorite costume
(Norris Public Library)
- Bubble Fun
(Mooneyham Public Library)
- Photo Booth
(Mountains Branch Library)
- Firetruck
- Ambulance
- Hoot –n– Annie
(Forest City Owls)
- Homerun Derby
(Forest City Owls)
- Hula Hoop Fun
(Spindale Public Library)



Please contact Nicole Morse at 828-287-6116 for more information.



Registration for Adult Summer Reading Program: June 14-28, 2016

Rutherford County Libraries

Date: 06/21/16—08/09/16

Adult Summer Reading Program

**Rutherford County Library System is hosting its
First Annual**

Adult Summer Reading Program!!

Think you don't have time to read all summer? Well, think again! This Summer Reading Program is new and exciting and you can spend as much (or as little) time as you would like in the program.

Use our Challenge Card to help you step out of your reading comfort zone and maybe get a little healthier while you are at it. Read different genres of books, exercise, attend a program and receive raffle tickets for prizes.

Grand Prize: Kindle Fire 8GB with protective case

Other Prizes: Gift card to Quiznos, Don Ramons, 30 minute massage from A New Beginning Massage and Bodywork Therapy, T-shirts and hats from Mt. Olive Pickle Company.

Call your library for more information:

County Library
828-287-6115

Haynes Branch
828-288-4039

Mountains Branch
828-287-6392





Rutherford County
Library System

Haynes Branch Library STEM MakerCamp



All Events to begin at 10:30 in the
Community Room at **Haynes Branch Library**
828-288-4039



Greatest Hits Science Experiments
Saturday, June 25, 2016

The **BIGGEST**, the **COOLEST**, and the most **EXCITING** science experiments available.

A Walk in the Woods
A World of Snakes
Saturday, July 9, 2016

This program teaches the benefits of snakes and their importance to human lives. Topics include anatomy, diet, identification, feeding techniques, camouflage patterns, behaviors, etc. **LIVE** snakes will be brought into the Library and you will be able to see and touch them. Participants will be able to see and touch a **REAL** 10ft. African Rock Python snake skin!!

Mad Science—Rocket Science
Saturday, July 16, 2016

This workshop is a **BLAST!!!** Aspiring rocket scientists will master the dynamics of rocket flight. Afterward, they'll be cleared for take-off and take part in a real model rocket launch!

Bricks4Kidz—Lego Engineering
Saturday, July 23, 2016

In this program, we will explore architecture, engineering, and technology concepts using Lego bricks.

CHEM-MESS-TRY
Morehead Planetarium and Science Center
Saturday, July 30, 2016

We will make "elephant toothpaste" to demonstrate an exothermic catalytic reaction; turn two liquids into a solid and learn about the power of polymers; and practice chromatography by making a colorful "butterfly." We will also solve a mystery using simple chemistry.



Maker Kits will be available for checkout at the front desk. These Maker Kits will be a great way to bring the event home with you and continue the STEM experience.

Programs are geared towards 8—12 year olds, but anyone under 18 is welcome to attend.
All participants must have parent / guardian over the age of 16 with them. No registration is required.

The Haynes Branch Library STEM MakerCamp is made possible by funding from Duke Energy.

Public Works and Planning

As temperatures rise, so does the demand on our services and demands on all component of our department; Garage, Maintenance, Grounds keeping, Planning and Project management. Our staff works very hard and is dedicated to getting the job done and keeping all of the County's vehicles, facilities, parks and projects in great shape. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

Revenue Department

All outstanding 2015 Real Property taxes will be advertised in the Daily Courier on Friday June 10th.

Customer Service	Totals
Phone Calls	337
Info/Data Requests	1
Website Hits	577
County Growth Indicators	
Building Permits Reviewed	16
Deeds Recorded	46
Collections Progress	
Deeds Certified/Prior Year Taxes	25
Collected Prepayments	22

Senior Center

The Senior Center had a guest speaker on Tuesday. Dana Bradley presented information on the Bechtler House and the Rutherford Outdoor Coalition. The Center also hosted an intergenerational event on Tuesday afternoon—Bowling with Grandkids at Autumn Lanes. The seniors also enjoyed an evening of socialization and good dining at Scott's Creekside Country Cooking. Jane Armstrong, former owner of De-Clutter for Real Life, presented a program on Wednesday about "How to De-Clutter Your Papers & Files". The Senior Center provided a trip to the Equestrian Center on Thursday. They were able to visit the farmer's market, general store and have lunch at Roger's Diner before returning to the Center. Lastly, on Friday we had a Senior Games Committee and Ambassador meeting to discuss and make preparations for the 2017 games.

Upcoming:

Zumba at 6:00 p.m. June 13, 27

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15th DSS and the Senior Center will be hosting a special program with wellness and informational booths beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a special presentation at 10:30 a.m.

Social Services

The Director and staff have attended several regular meetings over the past two weeks including the Community Health Council, the Partnership for Children of the Foothills Board meeting, NC FAST conference calls, and the Statewide DSS Director's Conference Call.

Several Children's Services Supervisors and Social Workers attended two separate trainings in Fayetteville last week - *Introduction to Substance Abuse for Child Welfare Workers*, a two day curriculum focusing on families and children affected by alcohol and other drug abuse; and *Motivating Substance Abusing Families to Change: An Advance Practice Course*, focusing on effective ways to motivate families to engage in substance abuse treatment.

The Director attended the Commissioner's Meeting on Monday to present the *Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team* annual report, and to present a proclamation for the Commissioners to declare June as World Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Rutherford County. An event is planned for the June 15 at the Rutherford County Senior Center. Sheriff Chris Francis will be the guest speaker and there will be information shared that will benefit seniors in our community, not only about elder abuse, but about available services and about how they can remain active and be safe in our community.

Welcome new employees - Lois Lindsay, Whitney Hardin and Aniger Ross.

Soil & Water

The Admin/Education Specialist:

- worked on OELC Quarterly Report.
- worked on Farmland Preservation Ordinance.
- worked on End of Year reporting.

The Ag. Cost Share Technician:

- attended a NRCS Civil Rights meeting.
- worked on Cost Share Planning.
- met with a land owner.
- worked on Intern planning and paperwork.

Solid Waste

Customers served 393

Loads hauled from convenience centers 69

Loads shipped to Lenoir 42

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 1

Tire customers 26

The director worked this week with the old Cliffside Mill Dump, interviewing for a truck driver, budget and several internal meetings. The office staff has been busy running reports and waiting on customers. The director and office staff have been monitoring House Bill 169 that deals with electronics recycling. The transfer station staff has been busy processing the MSW and recycling tonnages that are coming in. The C&D has been busy handling the tonnages coming in while hauling dirt for cover. The shop staff has worked on several vehicles this week along with normal greasing and preventative maintenance. The airport crew continues to cut the grass, weed eat and bush hog. Please continue to recycle.

Transportation Services

Emergency Medical Services:

The monthly management team meeting was held with all Supervisors. Crew meetings will be conducted this weekend for all three shifts. EMS hosted the NCACC Peer Review Team for two days this week and had great interaction as ideas were exchanged. The quarterly EMS Peer Review Quality Management team met and discussed protocols, processes and statistics for the system as a whole.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK
Emergency Calls	157
Convalescent Calls	26

Transit Department:

Transportation Services Director received approval from the County Commissioners to continue our Fare Free service on the Deviated Fixed Route until 6/30/2017 at which time it will be re-evaluated by the County Commissioners. We are very grateful for their approval of this request. We have received multiple comments from riders praising this service and how it has been a blessing to them personally. Our Free Shuttle for groceries continues to grow as more and more riders take advantage of this service. Office Coordinator attended a webinar for our operating software. Staff and drivers will be attending CPR certification renewal training on Friday 6/10.

TYPE	CURRENT WEEK	WEEKLY AVG
Total Miles	9,719	9.097
# of Local Trips	1,069	1,146
# of Out of County Trips	72	50
# Unduplicated Passengers	219	214
Total Revenue	\$15,909	\$13,680

Veteran Services

We are still having registration for the give away of two Charlie Daniels tickets with one back stage pass that has to be used by the veteran. Please help us encourage veterans to participate in this give away.

Thank you,
Susan Hall, Director

Mail In	111
Mail Out	336
Fax	130
Phone Calls In/Out	97
Veteran Contacts	192



County News

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

4883 Whiteside Road, Bostic, NC

Site of the Biggerstaff Hanging Tree

Help us celebrate Flag Day!

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days.

For more information, call 828.287.6060

or visit www.rutherfordcountync.gov

Sponsored by:



Wear **RED**, **WHITE**, and
BLUE attire to show
your patriotism!



The luminary service will be held on Friday, June 24th in downtown Forest City in conjunction with their 4th on Main event. There will be signs to direct you to a side street where the luminary service will be held (either Depot St or Mill St).



A Gift To Honor Or In Memory Of Someone Special

June 24th - Forest City
Off Main Street near Mill St. or Depot St.
(watch for signs)

We are selling Luminaries (candles in paper bags with sand). The Luminaries will be lit in memory and in honor of loved ones who have had cancer affect their lives in a lighting ceremony at dark.

We want to give everyone an opportunity to pay tribute to their loved ones and help fight the disease that claims so many lives.

With your donation, the name of the individual that you have designated will appear on the luminary to be lit on Friday evening, June 24th.

If you would like to participate in this special candle lighting ceremony, simply return the form below. Please note that the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's continuing programs of research, education, advocacy and service.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY LUMINARIA FORM

PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY

Given By: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____@_____._____

Memory Of: _____ By: _____

Memory Of: _____ By: _____

Memory Of: _____ By: _____

Honor Of: _____ By: _____

Honor Of: _____ By: _____

Honor Of: _____ By: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
(SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION IS \$ 10.00 PER CANDLE)

Check made payable to: American Cancer Society

The Charlie Daniels Band

June 25, 2016

7:30 p.m. at McNair Field



Enter for a Chance to Win 2 Tickets and 1 Backstage Pass

Come by the Veterans Service Office to enter. Anyone entering must be a veteran, and must bring their DD214 for proof of service if we do not already have it on file.

Rutherford County Veterans Service Office
303 Fairground Road, Spindale NC 28160
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday



**FREEDOM
FEST**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
JULY 4th AT MCNAIR STADIUM
10:00AM - 3:00PM

**CONTESTS, GAMES
WALKING PARADE, AND MUSIC**

**HOMERUN DERBY, BASEBALL GAME
AND FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME**
*WITH PAID ADMISSION

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
828.247.4430**



Friday 6/10:

- Take a walk around downtown Rutherfordton and enjoy the historic surroundings.

Saturday 6/11:

- **National Get Outdoors Day at Chimney Rock State Park:** Bring your family and friends and join us for a day of outdoor-themed activities, including a live animal program at 2pm outside Grady's Animal Den and native wildlife information tables with activities for kids from 11am-3pm outside of Cliff Dwellers Gifts. Ft. Dobbs will be doing French and Indian War reenactments and Musket Firings throughout the day, so be sure to stop by the Meadows at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, or 5pm to see them in action!
- **5th Annual Movie on the Meadows at Chimney Rock State Park:** Gates open at 7:30 pm and movie begins at 9 pm at Chimney Rock State Park.
- **Canoe Excursion:** 9 am at Lake James State Park. Call 828-584-7728 and sign-up today.
- **Creek Sampling:** 10 am at Lake James State Park. We are lucky to have a waterway of fantastic biological diversity and this program will show participants many of the hidden animals that call Paddy's Creek home.
- **NC Park Ranger:** 9 am at South Mountains State Park. Learn what a park ranger does.

Skins and Skulls: 2 pm at South Mountains State Park

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 12th:

- **ROC Group Hike to Catawba Falls.** This will be a 3-mile round trip, moderate hike to the spectacular lower falls. Bring a lunch and some water. Meet at the County Annex (289 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton) at 8:30 am to carpool.

Saturday, June 25th:

- **ROC Group River Float on the Broad River.** We will be floating section 5: Grays Road to Coxe Road. Meet at 520 Grays Road at 10 am to drop off boats. Bring a lunch and some water. We will stop a few times to swim.

Email us at trails@rutherfordoutdoor.org or call (828) 625-9983 ext. 505 if you would like to sign up for any of the ROC workdays, clean-ups, or group hikes.

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Steve Garrison

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